(d) if so, the steps taken to increase the use of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Each Ministry/Department and Office have Official Language Implementation Committee for monitoring the progressive use of Official Language Hindi. The Committee meets in every three months, wherein quarterly reports received from all sections are discussed. Ministries/Departments furnish consolidated quarterly reports to the Department of Official language which in turn after reviewing these reports, advise them appropriately.

(c) In accordance to the existing instructions of Department of Official Language, it is expected from all Ministries/Departments that their delegations will make more and more use of Hindi on official occasions abroad or within the country. In this regard discussions are also held in the meetings of their Official Language Implementation Committees.

(d) Orders for making use of Hindi in conversations by the delegations during foreign tours are already exists. Recently attention of the Hon'ble Ministers have been drawn towards this that wherever possible, speeches should be made in Hindi on all occasions of national and international importance. Indian delegation visiting abroad should make more and more use of Hindi. If needed, services of interpreters can be obtained from the Indian Embassy.

Sophisticated weapons sought by West Bengal

3261. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has sought sophisticated weapons from Centre after the terrorist attack on American Centre in Kolkata;

(b) if so, whether Central Government has supplied these weapons as per demand of the State Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) After the terrorist attack on American Centre in Kolkata, Government of West Bengal on 28.01.2002 requested the Central Government for allotment of 1000 Nos. of 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and 2000 Nos. of 7.62 mm SLRs. Against this demand, 650 Nos. of 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and 454 Nos. 7.62 mm SLRs alongwith ammunition were immediately allotted to DGP West Bengal.

The balance requirement for 5.56 mm INSAS Rifles and SLRs is being allocated in 2002-2003.

NLFT camps in Bangladesh

3262. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT), supported by Pakistani ISI had set up about 20 camps in Bangladesh and NSCN (IM) militants are training the NLFT militants as revealed by Chief Minister of Tripura in the North-Eastern Council Meet held in February, 2002; and

(b) if so, what steps both at diplomatic and security levels have been taken to effectively tackle the situation before it assumes dangerous proportion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There have been reports that the NLFT has a number of camps in Bangladesh and the group as been receiving help and guidance, by way of arms supply, training of its cadres, joint operations etc. from NSCN(IM) within the territory of Bangladesh.

(b) The issue is regularly taken up on bilateral basis with Bangladesh. Bangladesh has repeatedly stated categorically that it will not allow its territory to be used for terrorism or against the interests of another friendly country. The Government have also called upon the terrorists to give up the path of violence and come to the mainstream and solve their problems through negotiated settlement. The measures taken at security levels *inter-alia* include deployment of CPMFs along border area and the fencing of border.

Terrorists wanted in India staying in UAE

3263. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of fugitive terrorists wanted by India are in United Arab Emirate and other countries;

(b) whether similarly a number of Narcotic Smugglers, Criminals accused of Economic Offences, smuggling weapons and explosives into India are staying in UAE, Bangladesh and many other countries;

(c) whether renewed efforts are being made for their extradition; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?